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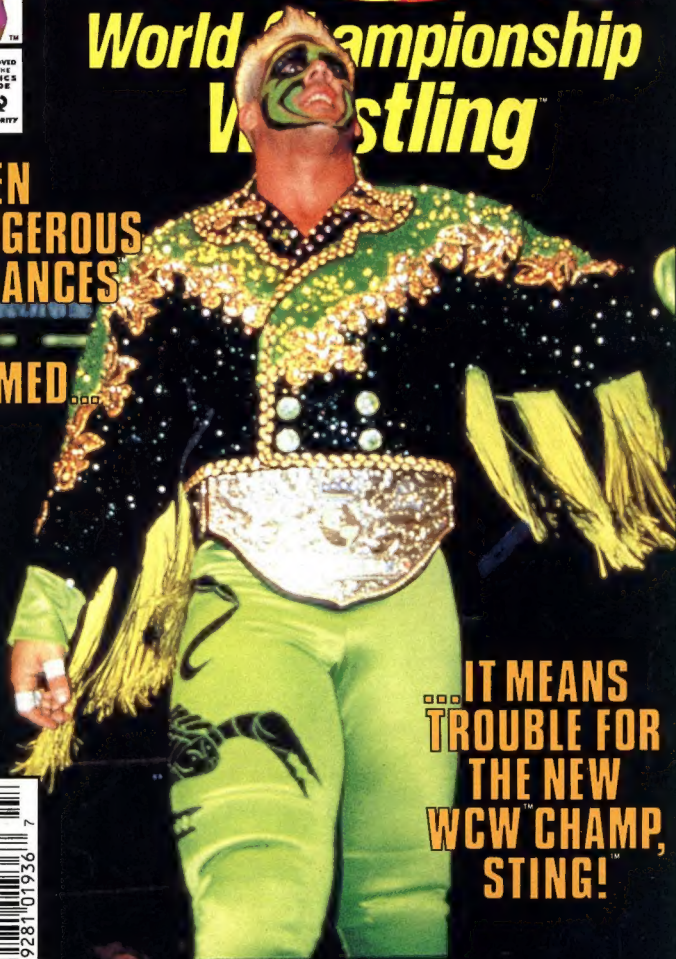


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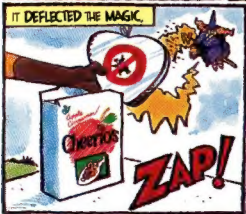
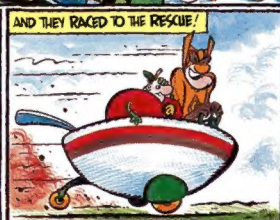


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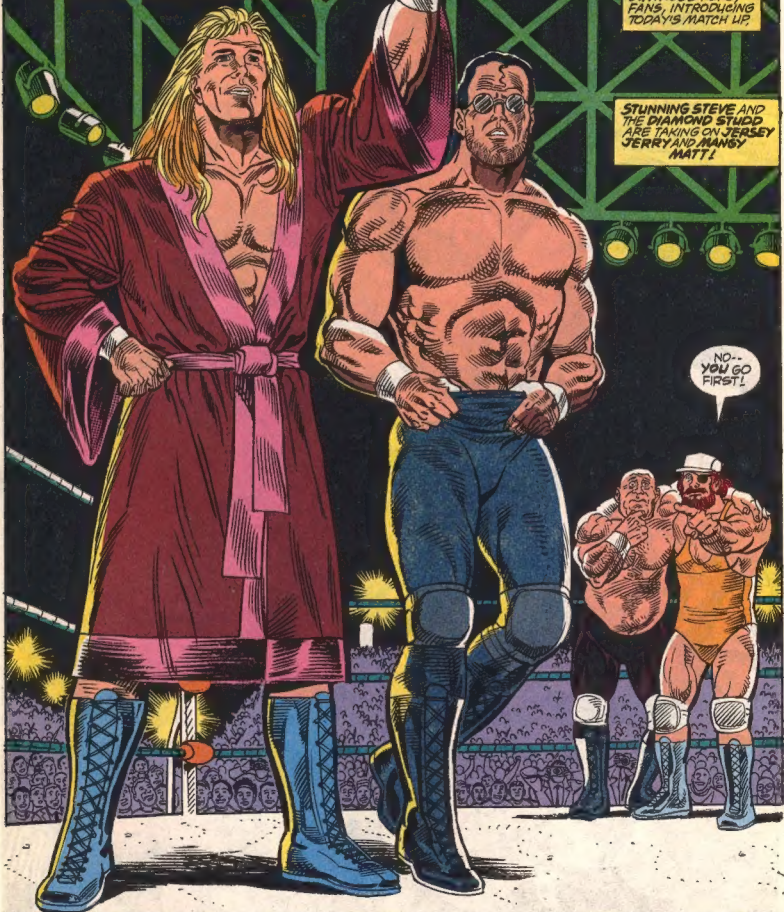
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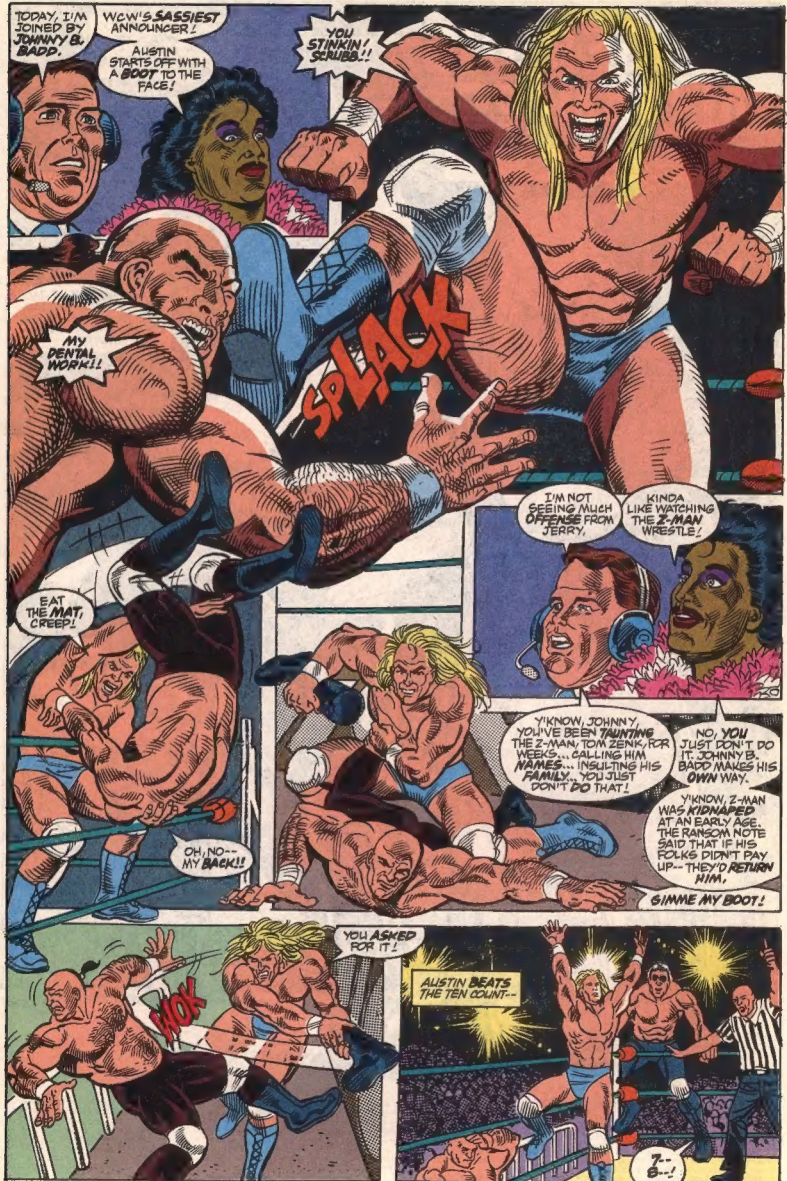
JIM ROSS HERE,  
FANS, INTRODUCING  
TODAY'S MATCH UP.

STUNNING STEVE AND  
THE DIAMOND STUDD  
ARE TAKING ON JERRY  
AND MANGY  
MATT!

NO--  
YOU GO  
FIRST!



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TODAY, I'M  
JOINED BY  
JOHNNY B.  
BADD.

WCW'S SASSIEST  
ANNOUNCER!

AUSTIN  
STARTS OFF WITH  
A BOOT TO THE  
FACE!

YOU  
STINKIN'  
SNEBB!!

MY  
DENTAL  
WORK!!

SPLACK

EAT  
THE MAT,  
CREEP!

I'M NOT  
SEEING MUCH  
OFFENSE FROM  
JERRY,

KINDA  
LIKE WATCHING  
THE Z-MAN  
WRESTLE!

OH, NO--  
MY BACK!!

Y'KNOW, JOHNNY  
YOU'VE BEEN TAWNTING  
THE Z-MAN, TOM ZENK, FOR  
WEEKS... CALLING HIM  
NAMES... INSULTING HIS  
FAMILY... YOU JUST  
DON'T DO THAT!

NO, YOU  
JUST DON'T DO  
IT. JOHNNY B.  
BADD MAKES HIS  
OWN WAY.

Y'KNOW, Z-MAN  
WAS KIDNAPED  
AT AN EARLY AGE.  
THE RANSOM NOTE  
SAID THAT IF HIS  
FOLKS DIDN'T PAY  
UP-- THEY'D RETURN  
HIM.

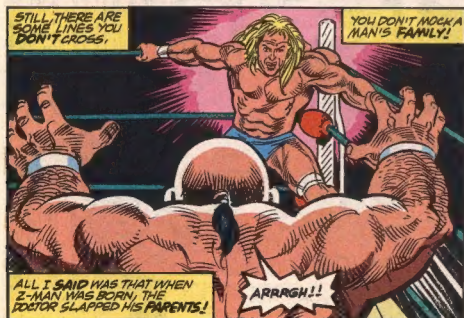
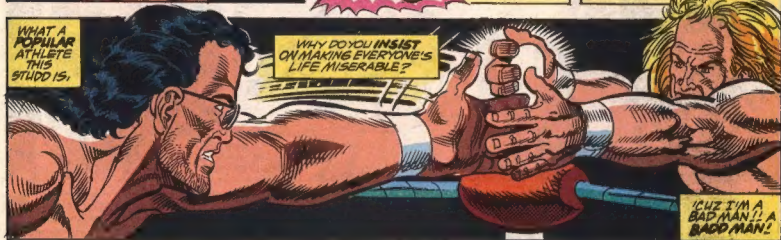
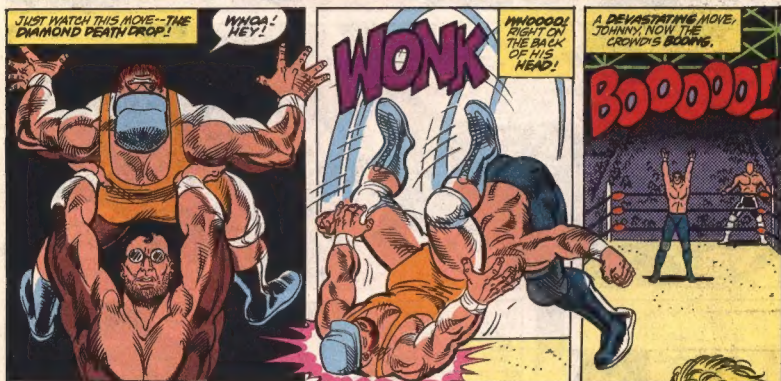
SIMME MY BOOT!

YOU ASKED  
FOR IT!

AUSTIN BEATS  
THE TEN COUNT--

7--  
6--!





NEITHER WILL **CACTUS JACK**, WHO HAS BEEN **SUSPENDED** FOR **ENDANGERING** THE **WCW BRUISE CRUISE**!

FORTUNATELY, **STING** WAS ON HAND, AND HE LITERALLY **SAVED** THE DAY!

**CACTUS JACK** SAYS THE **GHOU**L PUT HIM UP TO IT, BUT WITH NO EVIDENCE, HE'LL PROBABLY GET OFF **SCOT-FREE**!

I HEAR THIS **GHOU**L IS A REAL **UGLY** CHARACTER... **BIG OLD TEETH**... A **HAIRY BACK**... AND **SMELLS REALLY BAD**... JUST LIKE **Z-MAN**'S--

LAST ISSUE...MIKE

DON'T YOU DARE SAY IT, **JOHNNY**!

HASN'T THIS **FELD** GONE ON LONG ENOUGH? WHAT IF **Z-MAN** WERE HERE NOW?

WELL, HE'S NOT. **BESIDES**, I'VE GOT **BIG NEWS**!

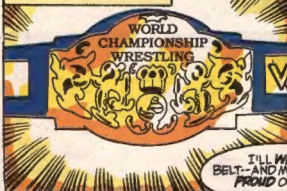
IT'S TIME FOR ME TO **BREAK MY BIG SCOOP**--!

LAST WEEK, THE **STEINER BROS.** WON THE **WCW WORLD TAG TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP**!

THAT IS A **SCOOP**, **JOHNNY**!

UH-HUH, ALSO THE **WCW WORLD BELT** HAS BEEN **VACATED**... WE'RE **WITH-OUT** A CHAMPION! **STING** MUST FACE THE **GHOU**L!

HI, **LITTLE STINGERS** I'VE BEEN NAMED **#1 CONTENDER**!



I'LL WIN THE **BELT**--AND MAKE YOU ALL **PROUD** OF ME!

**SPECIAL INTERVIEW TIME**, **BOYS**. WITH THE **STEINERS** AS THE **NEW CHAMPS**, WILL Y'ALL GO AFTER THEIR **BELTS**?

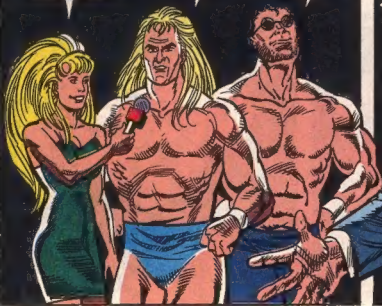
YOU BETTER BELIEVE WE WILL, **MISSY HYATT**!

BUT A **BIG JOB** LIKE THIS RE-QUIRES A **SPECIAL MAN**--

WHICH IS WHY WE'D LIKE TO ANNOUNCE OUR **NEW MANAGER**--

--**PAUL E. DANGEROUSLY!!**

I DON'T BELIEVE IT! WHAT A **COMBINATION**!



THE **STEINER BROS.** BETTER **GUARD** THOSE **BELTS** **REAL CAREFUL**, **JOHNNY-BOY**!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU!





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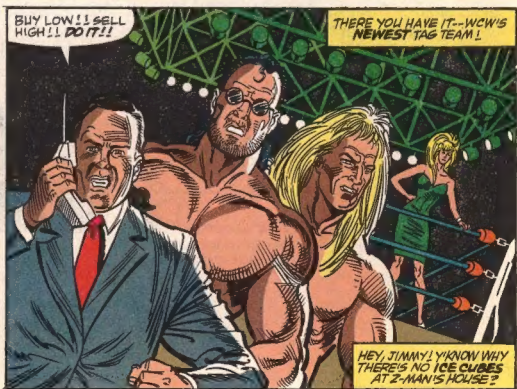
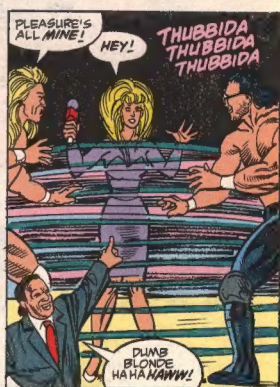
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I'M REALLY NOT INTERESTED!

NOBODY GAVE HIM THE RECIPE! HAW HAW HAW!

I GOT A MILLION OF 'EM! HAW HAW HAW!

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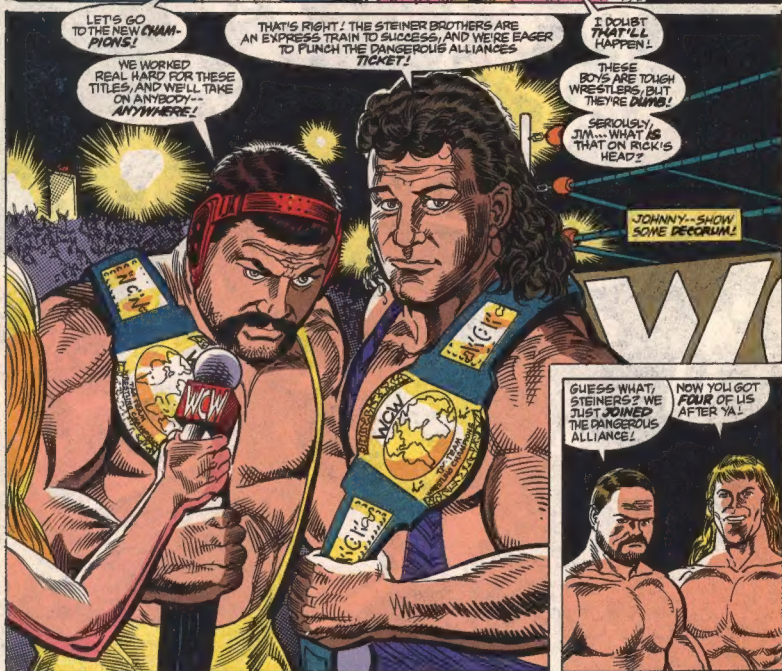
I DOUBT THAT'LL HAPPEN!

WE WORKED REAL HARD FOR THESE TITLES, AND WE'LL TAKE ON ANYBODY-- ANYWHERE!

THESE BOYS ARE TOUGH WRESTLERS, BUT THEY'RE DUMB!

SERIOUSLY, JIM... WHAT IS THAT ON RICK'S HEAD?

JOHNNY--SHOW SOME DECORUM!



GUESS WHAT, STEINERS? WE JUST JOINED THE DANGEROUS ALLIANCE!

NOW YOU GOT FOUR OF US AFTER YA!



DON'T COUNT OUT THE FABULOUS FREEBIRDS, EITHER!

WE'VE BEEN CHAMPS BEFORE--WE'LL DO IT AGAIN!

TAG TEAM COMPETITION IS ALWAYS HOT IN WWF.



BUT NOW IN THE RING IS ZOLTAN THE MAGNIFICENT!

HIS BELLY IS MAGNIFICENT!



AND HIS OPPONENT--THE RAPMASTER, RIN NEWS!

I HOPE THEY REINFORCED THE RING!

YO BABY, YO BABY, YO!!



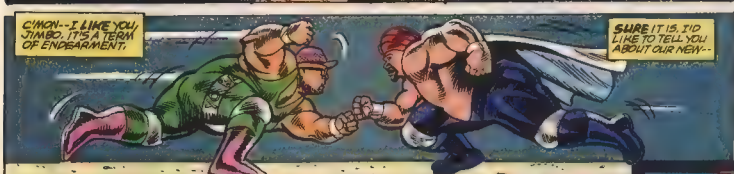


I'M GONNA SHOW YOU PEOPLE  
HOW DE RASSLIN' IS DONE  
AND WHEN I AM FINISHED  
P.N. NEWS WILL HAVE WON!

YO BABY YO BABY  
YO!

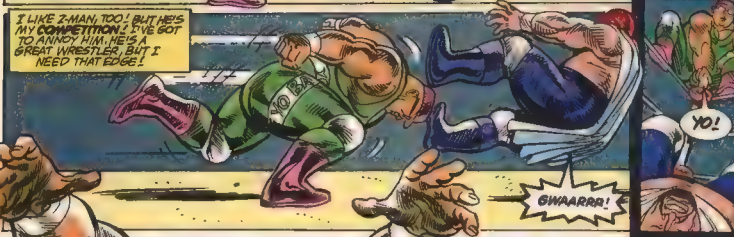
THE P.N. NEWS IS  
TOUGH, JIMBO,  
I'VE RASLED HIM  
MANY TIMES!

PLEASE DON'T  
CALL ME "JIMBO"



C'MON-- I LIKE YOU,  
JIMBO. IT'S A TERM  
OF ENDEARMENT.

SURE IT IS, I'D  
LIKE TO TELL YOU  
ABOUT OUR NEW--



I LIKE Z-MAN, TOO! BUT HE'S  
MY COMPETITION! I'VE GOT  
TO ANNOY HIM. HE'S A  
GREAT WRESTLER, BUT I  
NEED THAT EDGE!

YO!

SWAARRR!



IF THAT'S  
HOW YOU  
TREAT  
PEOPLE  
YOU LIKE--

CRUNCH

I TOLD YOU ALL THAT ZOLTAN  
HAD NO BUSINESS ON THE MAT  
AND NOW THAT HE RASLED P.N. NEWS  
OF ZOLTAN IS SQUASHED FLAT!

YO BABY YO  
BABY YO!

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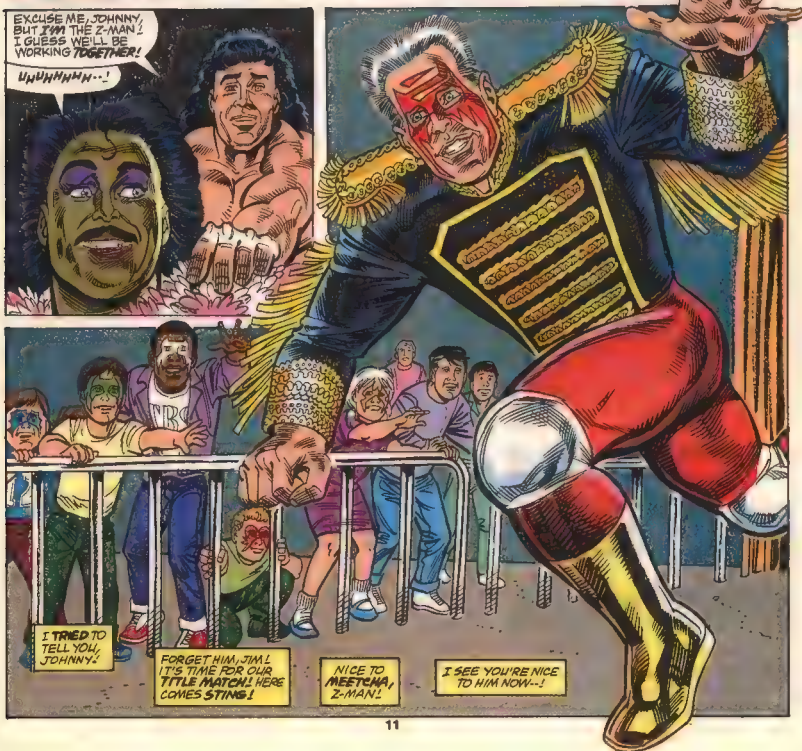
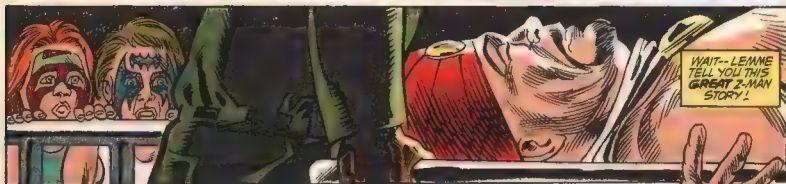
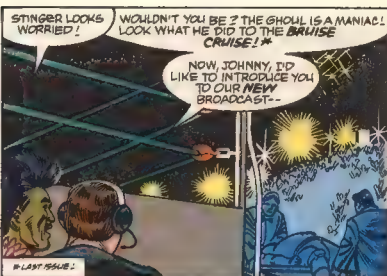
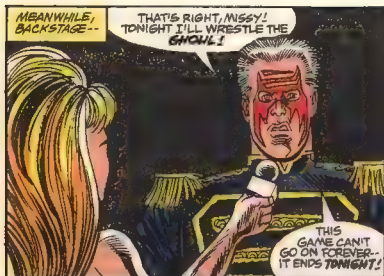
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## STAN'S SOAPBOX

Hi, Heroes!

I've just been looking over a list of the new projects, titles, team-ups and series that our indefatigable editor-in-chief, Titano Tom DeFalco, and his sagacious staff of editorpersons have been cooking up for you in their colorful little Inglenooks here in the hallowed halls of Marvel.

Now this isn't gonna be a high-pressure, hard-sell puff piece describing all our fantastic new feature ideas; you'll be able to learn about them in the forthcoming WAM bulletins, as well as in future issues of MARVEL AGE and our usual batch of scintillating, self-laudatory ads and announcements in the months to come.

Instead, in these few paragraphs, which are among the most widely read in all of comicdom, I want to once again

express my boundless admiration — and the admiration of Marvel fans everywhere — for the brilliant creative output of the most hardworking staff in comics.

Just think about it. Virtually every issue that Tom's loyal legions produces is tantamount to a full-length feature film in plot, complexity and characterization. But, whereas the average movie takes at least a year (and usually much longer) from inception to completion, our celebrated sagas are produced at the unbelievable rate of a new one each and every month! And hey, we're not talking just one movie-length masterpiece each month, but nearly a **hundred** separate superhero titles within each thirty-day period! It doth fairly boggle the mind!

That's the reason for this heartfelt though woefully inadequate tribute to Marvel's creative geniuses wherever they may be. It's not because they're unappre-

ciated; they've won every award in the book! It's not because they twisted my arm; they have no idea I'm writing this! It's not because I have to; I can use this space to spout off about any subject under the sun! And it's not because I've never mentioned it before—I've extolled their brilliance many times over the past years.

No, the only reason I just had to write this column is because I admire and respect each and every one of these gifted Marvel madmen whose awesome creative output brings such reading pleasure to countless fans around the world. Although, "admire and respect" doesn't nearly say enough — I just plain love 'em all, and I've got a hunch that you do, too!

Excelsior!



Stan Lee

There was all sorts of mayhem around the Bulpen this month as the whole Marvel gang was featured on MTV. The excitement started when MTV veejay **Karyn Bryant** showed up with a camera crew to tape some spots around the Bulpen. The spots aired one day in February, somewhere between "Club MTV" and "Yo, MTV Raps!" and featured such stalwarts as **Bob Harris**, **Mark Gruenwald**, and **Dave** (the Lettering Guy) **Sharpe!** Will this lead to future Marvel/MTV collaborations — "Club NFL Superpro," or "Yo, Darkhawk Raps!"? Guess we'll just have to let the chips fall where they may.

One guy who was hollering "mayday" around the halls of Marvel was Epic Executive Editor **Carl Potts**, who recently launched a new epic with the birth of his son **Justin Carl** in January. Because Carl's baby was born under the Epic imprint, this means Carl and his wife **Cathy** retain complete ownership of the baby if it goes on to become a successful comic book series! (Contrary to rumor, Carl's baby wasn't born in the Mayo Clinic!)

One guy who didn't exactly come over on the Mayflower is **Len Kaminski**, who recently left staff to become regular scripter on **IRON MAN**, the all-new **MORBIUS THE LIVING VAMPIRE** series, and the long-awaited **SLAPSTICK** limited series. We've been promising **SLAPSTICK** for quite a while now, but this year, we'll get it out, come what may.

Taking Len's place as **Ralph Macchio's** assistant is **Pet Gerra**, who may or may not run for mayor some day. Replacing Pat as **Glenn Herdling's** assistant is **Mike Lackey**, the writer of the smash hit **WCW WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING** comic, who told us he no longer wants to be hit over the head with a steel chair by the WCW champ. Mike's new ambition in life is to actually be the one who gets to hit the champ over the head with the steel chair. WCW editor **Mike Rockwitz** said if Lackey keeps this up, he will personally whack Lackey over the head with a word processor, or desk, or whatever's handy.

That Mike Lackey may be wacky — but there were plenty of lunatics to be found at the annual Toy Fair which was held in New York the second week in February. There were tons and



tons o' new toys on display — this being the event where toy manufacturers run their new product lines up the maypole to see who salutes. The highlight of the toy fair for us, of course, was the party held one night for the Marvel elite to hobnob with retailers and manufacturers in the toy industry.

**Terry Stewart** and **Stan Lee** — no may-flies on these guys — were there to officially inaugurate the 30th anniversary celebration of **Spider-Man**. Spidey himself showed up to blow out the candles. A few of Spidey's friends and foes showed up, as well — among them, **Captain America**, **Iron Man**, **Doctor Doom**, and the **Green Goblin**. Some guys will do anything for a free meal!

Executives from Carolco Pictures were also present — that's the studio that's currently set to produce the **Spider-Man** live-action motion picture — but sadly, Spidey director **James Cameron** was unable to attend. Be that as it may, a splendid time was had by all.

The centerpiece of the Marvel party was The Danger Room, which was a special trap-filled room that had been set up to snare unsuspecting party-goers. The room was filled with smoke, and you all know how dangerous smoke is! You could choke on it! An over-zealous **Professor X** on a viewscreen guided victims through the room, which offered opportunities to play the Spidey and Captain America arcade video games absolutely free! Talk about danger — patrons could have been trampled by overzealous video enthusiasts. Thankfully, this did not occur. Other hazards: The Danger Room was very dark — people could have tripped and bumped their heads! Ninety percent of all Danger Room head injuries are caused by poor lighting! The showstopper was a ten-foot robot which stalked like a **Sentinel** with a few chips short of a full memory. Truly, all who entered were lucky to have made it out alive. After a harrowing experience like that, we all could have used a vacation down in Cape May!

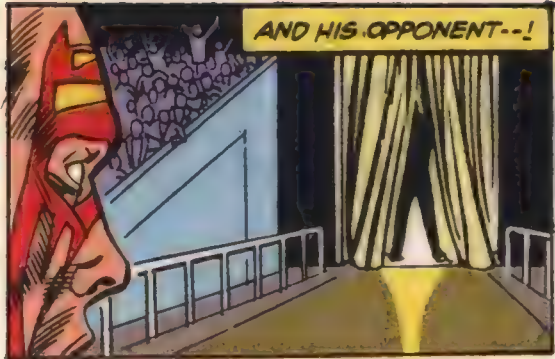
Well, it looks like we may be out of room for this month. Or we may not. We may never know.

Next month: **JUNE!**  
**COUNTDOWN TO SPIDER-MAN: THE MOTION PICTURE:** 755 days and counting

MAY  
COOLOMETERHERE'S WHAT THE BULLPEN WAS  
BUZZING ABOUT IN FEBRUARY

- RALPHING
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AND HIS OPPONENT--!

--FROM PARTS UNKNOWN,  
HERE IS **THE**  
**GHOUL!**

STING IS GONNA HAVE  
ONE HECK OF A TIME,  
HERE. HE'S WRESTLING  
A COMPLETE UNKNOWN!

I WOULDN'T WANNA  
BE IN STING'S BOOTS  
RIGHT NOW. MY BOOTS  
ARE MUCH MORE  
FASHIONABLE.

SAFE TO SAY THAT  
STING'S MIND IS  
ON THIS CONTEST,  
AND NOT ON  
FOOTWEAR!

YOU'RE RIGHT THERE, JIM.  
THIS MATCH WILL DETER-  
MINE OUR NEW CHAMPION!

THE GHOUL IS  
TERRIFYING! I'M  
NOT EVEN SURE  
HE'S HUMAN!

HE'S INTIMIDATING, TRUE,  
BUT YOU HAVE TO MAKE  
WAVES IN WCW IF YOU  
WANT A TITLE SHOT.  
GHOUL'S MANAGED TO  
DO THAT WITH HIS  
VERY FIRST MATCH!

THE HUMANIDS ARE STUNNED!  
THEY'VE NEVER SEEN ANY-  
THING LIKE THIS GUY!



STINGER, YOU'RE IN FOR  
THE FIGHT OF YOUR  
LIFE!

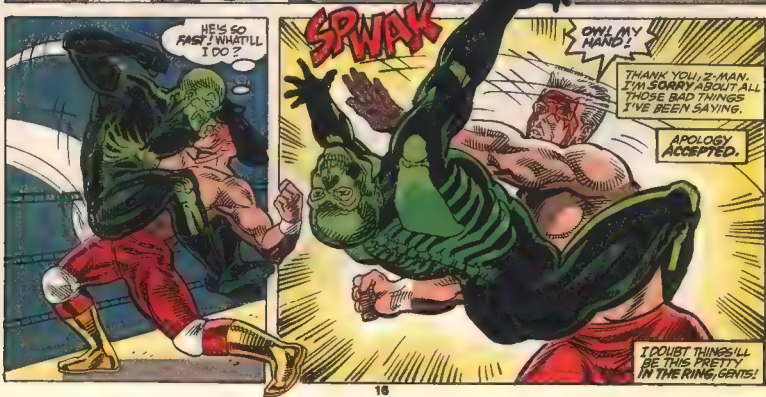
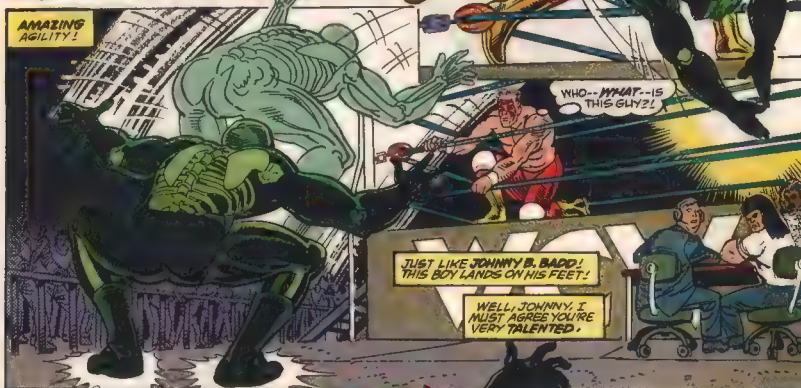
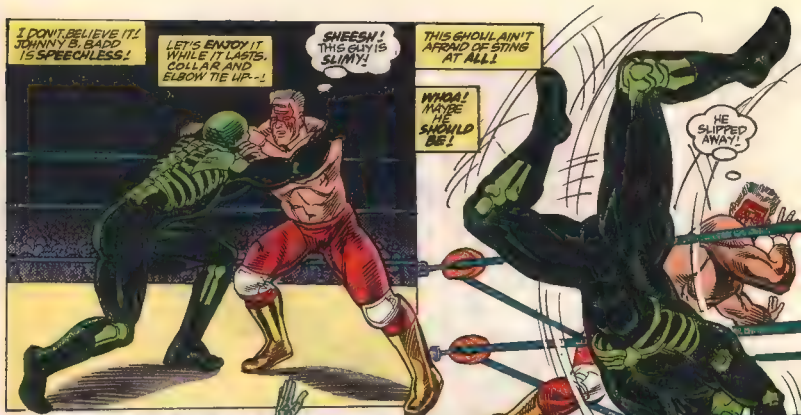
EVEN STING  
LOOKS APPREHENSIVE,  
FOLKS. THE WCW GOLD  
HAS BEEN TIED UP IN  
CONTROVERSY FOR  
MONTHS. STING MUST  
SAVE THE INTEGRITY  
OF THE CHAMPION-  
SHIP!

I THINK  
STING CAN DO IT, JIM.  
HE'S A GREAT ATHLETE,  
A GENEROUS HUMAN  
BEING. HE DESERVES  
TO WIN IT.

I--  
UH--THAT IS--  
UHHHHH.







STING DON'T HAVE  
A GHOST OF A  
CHANCE, JIMBO!

GOTTA KEEP  
MY COOL--CAN'T  
LET HIM PSYCH  
ME OUT!

THE MYSTERIOUS GRAPPLER IS  
AS TOUGH AS THEY COME!

OH NO!  
CAUGHT ME OFF-  
GUARD!

HE'S JUST HAVIN'  
FUN! Y'KNOW A  
GHOUL'S NIGHT  
OUT?

STING NEEDS TO WORK  
ON THE LEGS! THEN HE  
CAN SLAP ON HIS  
SCORPION DEATH-LOCK!

**SPAT**



STING NEEDS TO  
TAKE IT TO  
HIM! THIS IS VOW! YOU  
DON'T BACK UP FROM  
NOBODY!

EXCEPT  
JOHNNY B. BADD, BABY!

BLATANT  
ILLEGAL  
FIST!  
CUNN,  
REF!

**SPAK  
SPAK  
SPAK**

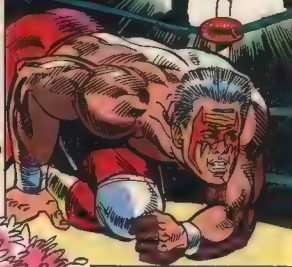
HE  
DOESN'T  
LET UP!  
CAN'T  
THINK--!

I WOULDN'T BE SUR-  
PRISED IF THIS GHOUL  
WAS POSSESSED BY  
SOME KINDA DEMON.

AFTER ALL, DEMONS  
ARE A GHOUL'S BEST  
FRIEND! HA HA HA HA!  
I GOT A MILLION  
OF 'EM!

HIGH RISK  
MOVE BY THE  
MYSTERY MAN!

TURN AROUND!  
LOOK OUT, STING!





100% ON TARGET!  
I'VE NEVER SEEN  
STING TAKE A BEATING  
QUITE LIKE THIS!

BETTER  
POLISH UP  
THAT BELT,  
JIMBO!

THWOPPT

I ASKED  
YOU NOT  
TO CALL ME  
THAT!

THAT'S STING'S BAD  
KNEE! THE ONE HE'S  
BEEN OPERATED ON!

THE GHOUL IS  
LIVING UP  
TO HIS NAME!

CRUNCH

Y'KNOW WHY GHOUL  
HAS A FENCE 'ROUND  
HIS GRAVEYARD?

'OUZ PEOPLE'S  
GONNA GET IN!  
HEH HEH HA!

THAT'S SICK! HOW  
CAN YOU JOKE WHEN  
STING'S HURT?

I AGREE, Z-MAN.  
JOHNNY'S BEHAVIOR  
IS REPELLENT!

WELL, JIMBO, I'M  
A BADD MAN! OH,  
MY! LOOK AT THAT!

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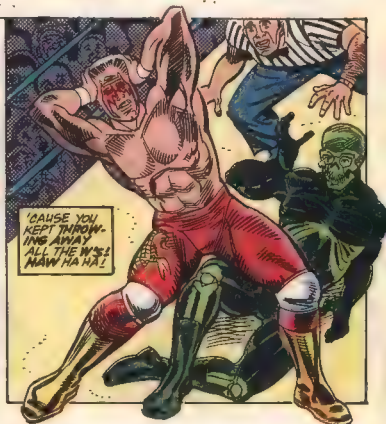
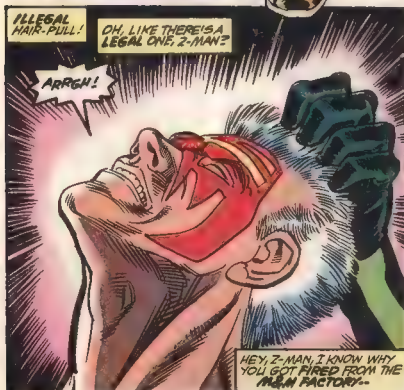
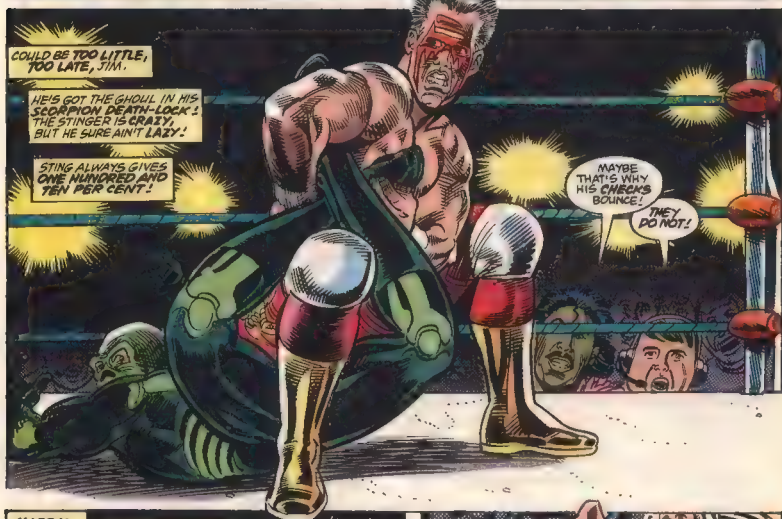
YOUR LEGS  
JUST DON'T BEND  
THAT WAY.

HE WANTS TO TAKE  
STING OUT!

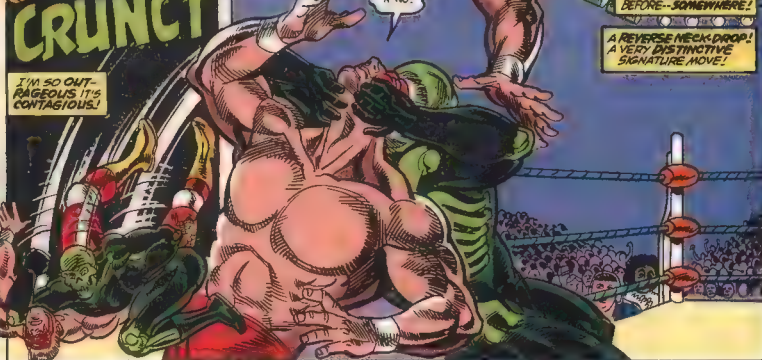
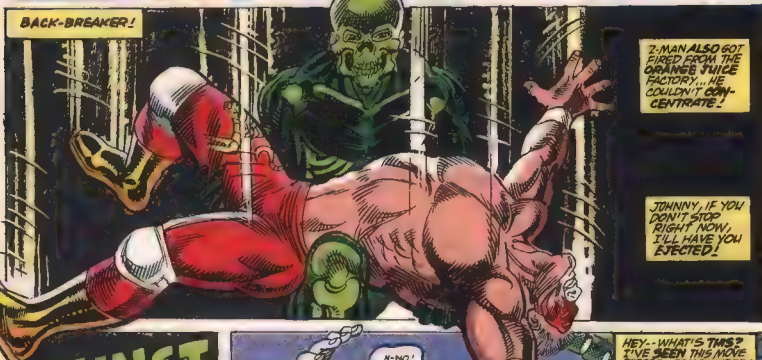
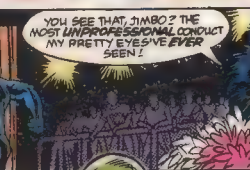
WHAT IS  
HE UP TO  
NOW?

WHUNK

GWA-ARR!!







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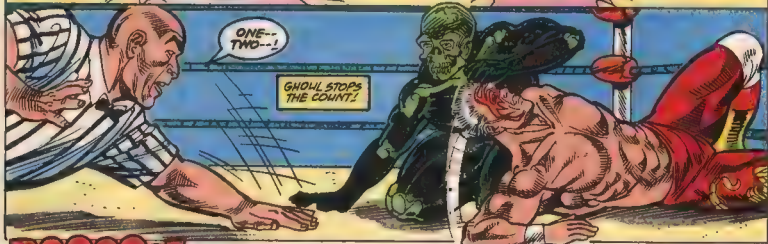


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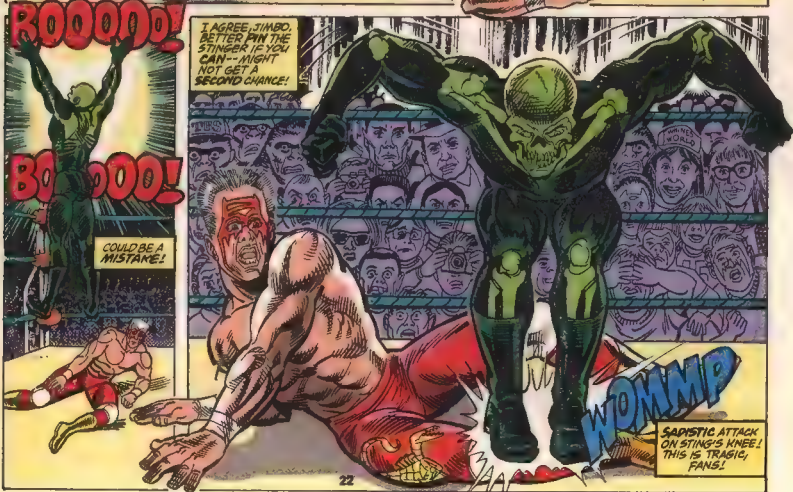


LOOK AT HOW STING'S NECK JUST SNAPPED. THIS COULD BE THE BEGINNING OF THE END.



ONE-- TWO--!

GHOUL STOPS THE COUNT!



BOOOOOO!

BOOOOOO!

I AGREE, JIMBO. BETTER PIN THE STINGER IF YOU CAN-- MIGHT NOT GET A SECOND CHANCE!

COULD BE A MISTAKE!

WOMMP

SADISTIC ATTACK ON STING'S KNEE! THIS IS TRAGIC, FANS!

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GAAR!

GOUGE TO THE EYES.

WATCH OUT, BIG RON!

THIS BIG BOY IS COMIN' ATCHA AIR MAIL!

THE GHOUL'S LOOKIN' NERVOUS NOW, JIMBO!

THAT HE IS!

**BRAPT**

THAT'S Z-MAN'S CHAIR.

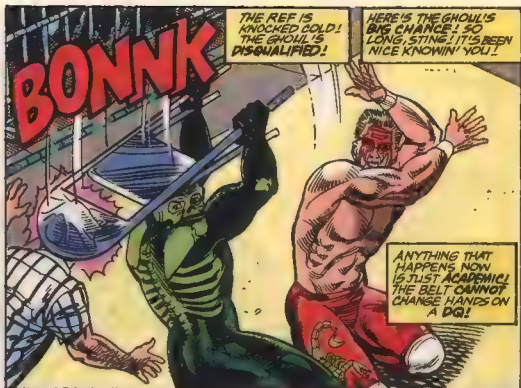
AND NOW STING GETS A TASTE OF THE STEEL!

HEY! STING'S HEAD JUST ATTACKED THAT CHAIR!

UGH!



HERE COMES THE FOLLOW UP--!



THE REF IS KNOCKED COLD!  
THE GHOUL IS DISQUALIFIED!

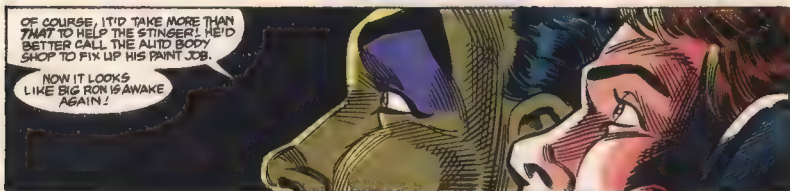
HERE'S THE GHOUL'S BIG CHANCE! SO LONG, STING! IT'S BEEN NICE KNOWIN' YOU!

ANYTHING THAT HAPPENS NOW IS JUST ACADEMIC! THE BELT CANNOT CHANGE HANDS ON A DQ!



LOOK AT HIS EYES!  
HE KNOWS HE'S BLOWN HIS CHANCE!

HE SHOULD USE REVLON® EYE LINER, LIKE ME!



OF COURSE, IT'D TAKE MORE THAN THAT TO HELP THE STINGER! HE'D BETTER CALL THE AUTO BODY SHOP TO FIX UP HIS PAINT JOB.

NOW IT LOOKS LIKE BIG RON IS AWAKE AGAIN!



GIMME THAT BELT, GHOUL!

WHAT AN IDIOT!



DIDN'T HE SEE STUNNING STEVE DO THAT EARLIER?



STING IS DOWN!  
SIMMONS IS  
DOWN! THE REF-  
EREE IS DOWN!

THIS'D NEVER HAVE  
HAPPENED IF JOHNNY  
B. BADD WERE RASSLIN'  
JIMBO! WHY, I'D SOCK  
THE GHOUL'S PATOOIE  
WITH MY TUTTI FRUIT!

AHEM! I'M SURE  
YOU WOULD.

DON'T YOU GO ASSASSINATIN'  
MY LIPSTANDING CHARACTER!

OH, NEVER.



UH-OH!  
HERE  
COMES  
TROUBLE!

KNOCK THE PAINT OFF  
HIS FACE!



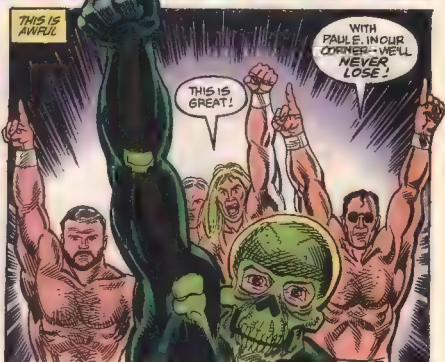
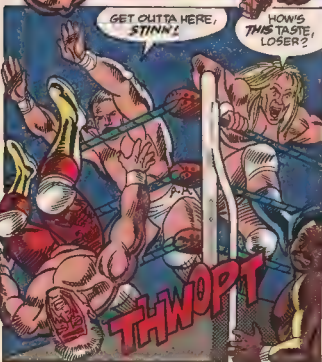
GET OUTTA HERE,  
STINN!

HOW'S  
THIS TASTE,  
LOSER?

THIS IS  
AWFUL

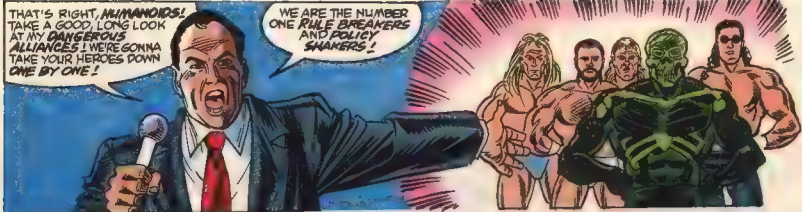
WITH  
PAULE IN OUR  
CORNER-WE'LL  
NEVER  
LOSE!

THIS IS  
GREAT!



THAT'S RIGHT, **HYMANOIDS!**  
TAKE A GOOD, LONG LOOK  
AT MY **DANGEROUS**  
**ALLIANCES!** WE'RE GONNA  
TAKE YOUR HEROES DOWN  
**ONE BY ONE!**

WE ARE THE NUMBER  
**ONE RULE BREAKERS**  
AND **POLICY**  
**SHAKERS!**



DON'T LISTEN TO  
HIM, STING!

YEAH! JUST HANG IN  
THERE, CHAMP!



AND NOW, I PROUDLY PRESENT--  
**THE GHOUL!**

LISTEN UP, FOLKS!  
WE'VE YET TO  
HEAR THIS GHOUL  
SPEAK PUBLICLY!



HE'LL MOST LIKELY COMMENT  
ON HOW PRETTY I LOOK TODAY.

**DOUBTFUL!**

YOU CAN LEAVE NOW,  
JIMBO. I CAN TAKE IT  
FROM HERE, GWAN NOME!

**SHHHHH!**

WHAT  
I'D LIKE TO  
HAVE RIGHT  
NOW--



--IS FOR ALL  
OF YOU FAT, OUT OF  
SHAPE, DIAPER-WEARING  
COUCH POTATOES TO KEEP  
THE NOISE DOWN!

WHILE  
I TAKE THIS MASK  
OFF--







...AND SHOW  
THE WORLD WHAT  
A REAL MAN IS  
SUPPOSED TO  
LOOK LIKE!

GET ON YOUR  
FEET, HUMANIDS!  
AND PAY HOMAGE  
TO THE NEW WCW  
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**RAVISHING  
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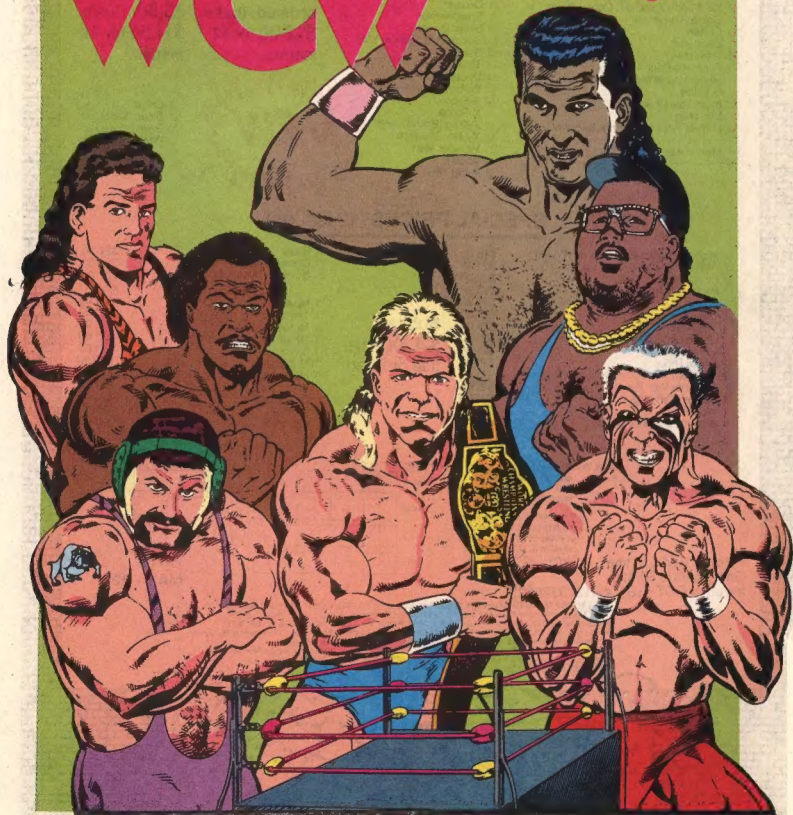
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